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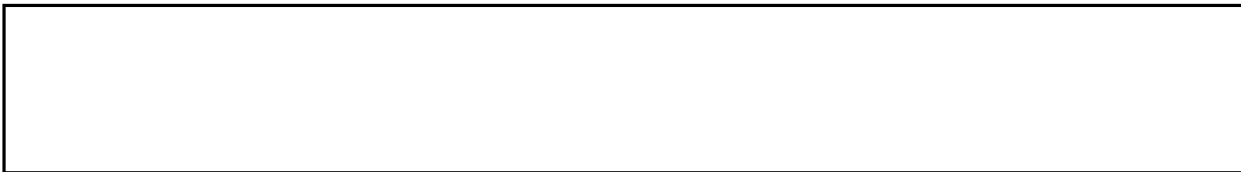
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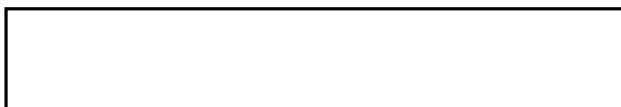
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JAPAN: TOKYO IS MOVING TO PREVENT THE PUBLIC FROM EXPECTING ANY IMMEDIATE SHIFT IN JAPAN'S POLICY TOWARD COMMUNIST CHINA AS A RESULT OF CANADA'S RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT HAS PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCE--GIVEN IN ADVANCE TO THE US EMBASSY--NOTING THAT JAPAN MUST MOVE MORE CAUTIOUSLY ON THIS QUESTION THAN OTHER COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF ITS GEOGRAPHIC POSITION AND COMPLEX RELATIONS WITH BOTH PEKING AND TAIPEI. THE GUIDANCE REAFFIRMS TOKYO'S PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED WILLINGNESS TO CONDUCT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONTACTS WITH PEKING AND PROMISES TO DEAL WITH THE CHINA PROBLEM FROM THE "LONG-RANGE POINT OF VIEW." THE SATO GOVERNMENT CLEARLY IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID BEING UNDULY PRESSURED BY A RAPID BUILDUP IN POPULAR EXPECTATIONS. [REDACTED]

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